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Temple Rhodes Tenant House
Centreville vicinity
Site

2nd quarter 19th century
Circa 1900
destroyed 1980

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Temple Rhodes Tenant House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South side Maryland Route 18

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

C. Temple Rhodes, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

RT#3, Box 115A

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 130

Folio #: 73

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

Demolished December 1979.

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Temple Rhodes farm is located on the south side of Maryland Route 18 approximately three miles west of Centreville, opposite the 4-H Park. The tenant house on the Rhodes Farm stood within one hundred yards of the road at the eastern edge of an open field on the west side of a small stream that flowed south into Tanyard Branch. The house was recorded in late November 1979, shortly before it was partially dismantled and destroyed.

The house is composed of two parts. The front section, facing the road, is two stories high, three bays wide, and one room deep, with a stove chimney on the rear wall, behind the pitched gable roof. A wing on the rear is actually an earlier 1 1/2 story structure nearly square in plan, with a steeply pitched gable roof. It would appear that this was originally a larger building that was cut down in length and reused as a kitchen wing.

The front facade of the two story section, facing north to the road, is asymmetrical. The door is offset to the right of center, with a

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

single 6/6 window to either side. Two 6/6 windows on the second floor line up with the first floor windows. A cross gable is also off-center, shifted to the right to line up with the door. The building rests on concrete block piers and is covered with wood shingles nailed over plain horizontal siding secured with machine nails. The eaves are boxed in, the roof is corrugated tin. Single 6/6 windows are centered on the first and second floor of each gable wall. The siding and cornice match the front facade. The center and west bays of the rear facade are covered by the wing. There are no openings in the east bay. A concrete block stove chimney rises in the corner where the rear wall of the main house and the east wall of the wing meet.

The west wall of the wing is flush with the west gable of the main house. There is a door at the north end of this wall and a 6/6 window in the corresponding position on the east wall. A 6/6 pitched dormer is located directly above the east window. The placement of these two openings reinforces the assumption that this is only part of an earlier house. On the south gable of the wing, there is a 6/6 window on the first

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

floor and a smaller 4/4 opening in the upper gable. The wing also rests on piers and is covered with wood shingles nailed over plain weatherboard siding. The eaves are boxed in, the roof is tin.

The interior of the main house consists of a hall-parlor plan with the larger hall to the west. An enclosed winder stair in the southwest corner of the hall leads to the second floor. A shared stove chimney on the center partition has been replaced with a newer chimney on the rear wall. A large doorway in the rear wall of the hall opens into the rear wing. A stove chimney on the south gable of the wing has been removed in recent years.

The first floor plan is repeated on the second floor, except that the partition between the two rooms in the main house is shifted approximately two feet to the west, so the stove flue came up in the east room on the second floor. A door in the rear wall of the west room opens into the loft of the rear wing, which is two steps lower. The loft of the wing is plastered with machine lathing and nails. The roof is framed with gang-sawn oak rafters half-lapped at the ridge and nailed with machine nails. The collars

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

and gable studs are also secured with machine nails. The floor joists below the first floor of both buildings, as well as the roof of the main house, are made up of a mixture of circular sawn timber and earlier reused hewn and pit-sawn material.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

5/14/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

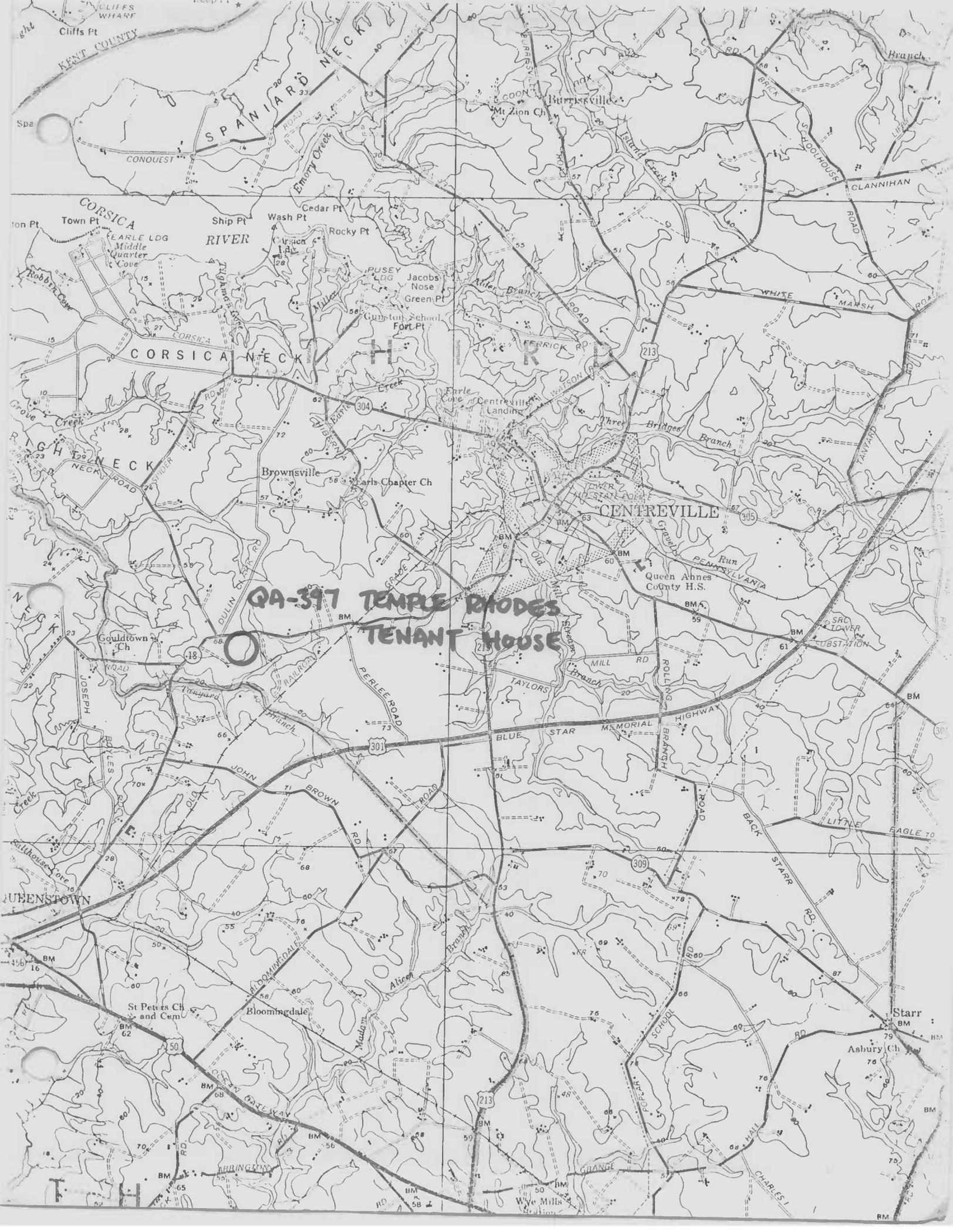
Maryland

Field Note Book QA-XIII, Recorded November 28, 1979.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438





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Orlando Ridout V 1979
Front facade from Northwest



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View from Southwest